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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate with light feature activity. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. Floor stocks were balanced to long with most purchases limited to regular commitments. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate for mid-week trading. Wings were at least adequate, longest for larger cuts. Breast items and dark meat were in balance to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were in a full range.

The Composite Weighted Average price for 02/19/07 was 78.21 compared to 75.06 a week earlier, and 63.59 a year ago.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .75 cents to 75.00 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 69.00 cents last year on February 22, 2006.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	189.50
BREASTS - B/S	158.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	100.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	109.00
LEG QUARTERS	42.00
WINGS	134.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mixed, but at least steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate with buying interest usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were generally sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to moderate. Breast items were adequate to well cleared, and wings were at least sufficient. Dark meat was available with boneless cuts in the closest balance. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair and was noted as generally unaggressive during midweek trading. Offerings were more than sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily; tenders were in good balance to well cleared. Wings were adequate to at least adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady, occasionally firm. Offerings were light to moderate and fully sufficient for trade inquiry. Retail demand continued to digress, generally noted as slow to moderate at best. Food service movement was irregular, light to moderate for the most part. Floor stocks and weights were in a full range. Offerings of large wings were plentiful; all other parts were adequate and held with confidence. The market tone was weak on large wings, steady to barely steady on regular wings and steady to instances firm on all other parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings adequate overall. Buyers' interest was fair with buying activity light for immediate needs. Demand was moderate overall. Floor stocks generally adequate. Trade sentiments about steady on parts.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 215 million eggs in incubators during the week ending February 17, 2007. This was down slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 172 million chicks for meat production during the week ending February 17, 2007. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2006 through February 17, 2007 were 1.20 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

	WEEK ENDING 02/17/07	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	PERCENT CHANGE <u>PREVIOUS YEAR</u>
EGGS SET	214,752	215,181		0
CHICKS PLACED	171,545	174,381		-02

Source: NASS, USDA

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 31-Mar-07 is estimated at 157.7 million head. This compares to 157.6 million head the previous week and to 164.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.55 cents per pound.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	642	137.00-220.00	-	153.57
TENDERLOINS	268	172.00-245.00	-	177.32
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	203	52.00-61.00	54	54.23
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	550	38.00-42.00	39-40	39.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	814	39.00-44.00	42-43	42.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	236	95.00-132.00	-	105.75
WINGS (CUT)	235	126.00-149.00	-	137.91
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2007 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
65.00 - 69.00	66.71	66.05

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

Trucklot buying interest was fair to moderate for mid week trading. Offerings of breast items and most dark meat cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily; tenderloins were well cleared. Wings were more more than sufficient for current needs and noted as slightly more available than a week earlier. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady to at least steady for breast items and dark meat cuts; fully steady for tenders. The balance of items were generally steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

FEB 20, 2007				FEB 21, 2007			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160-165	151.91	617,685	BREAST - B/S	160-165	151.31	493,389
TENDERLOINS	175	168.97	117,260	TENDERLOINS	175	168.55	79,460
BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	103.15	105,320	BREAST - WITH RIBS	99-100	104.95	86,280
BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.63	82,800	BREAST - LINE RUN	99	101.32	68,400
LEGS	54-55	54.41	165,640	LEGS	54-55	53.79	159,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	38.84	395,600	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	39.07	249,360
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	53.27	114,580	DRUMSTICKS	47-48	54.49	47,280
THIGHS	51-52	56.83	93,360	THIGHS	51-52	55.35	58,200
B/S THIGHS	110-111	102.52	108,320	B/S THIGHS	110-111	100.70	100,780
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	122.33	202,120	WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	124.43	130,380
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.79	21,000	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	10.93	29,040
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.78	12,280	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	40.00	6,360
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.91	23,720	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	51.29	16,680

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	02/21	02/20	02/19	02/16	02/19	02/16	02/14	02/12	
	3,482	3,902	3,866	4,382	5.37	5.34	3,623	5.54	
Arkansas	4,953	5,147	5,028	4,912	5.21	4.89	5,026	5.31	
Delmarva	2,084	2,142	2,169	2,030	5.72	5.49	1,980	5.73	
KY-LA-TN	2,004	2,300	2,263	2,322	5.03	4.73	2,022	5.17	
Mississippi	2,924	2,974	2,754	2,729	5.43	5.38	2,780	5.64	
N Carolina	2,651	2,667	2,640	2,673	6.78	6.84	2,607	6.87	
Texas	2,495	2,490	2,473	2,466	5.29	5.07	2,369	5.33	
Total	20,593	21,622	21,193	21,514	5.51	5.35	20,407	5.61	
Mon-Wed	63,817 (A)						63,281 (A)		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 21-Feb-07 is estimated to be 30,809,000 head up 0.61 percent from a week ago and down -2.10 percent from a year ago. (Last week 30,623,000, last year 31,470,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY**

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		65-74
DUCKS		
RABBITS-WHOLE		
RABBITS-CUT UP		
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY		
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	110-119
	ICE PACK	93-105
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111-118
	ICE PACK	98
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	111-118
	ICE PACK	86-100
DUCKS		185-195

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-07

	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>
	02/24/07 (1)	02/17/07
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	158,966 (2)	159,796
Light hens	1,252	1,221
Heavy hens	1,406	1,332
Total	161,624	162,349

(1) ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Feb-07 is 162.0 million head compared to 160.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.3 million head or 2.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 03-Mar-07 the estimated available is 161.8 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEY</b>	<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>
	LBS	LBS
AM 02/19/07	64,015	55,282
AM 02/01/07	53,819	56,977
CHG	10,196	-1,695
PCT CHG	19	-3

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	<b>PROCESSED TURKEYS</b>			<b>PROCESSED POULTRY</b>		
	02/19/07	02/12/07	02/20/06	02/19/07	02/12/07	02/20/06
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
<b>COAST</b>	1,976	1,756	2,094	7,825	8,525	6,366
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	159	172	50	2,196	2,293	3,284

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2007

	<b>RANGE</b>
HENS	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	70-88

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 02/20/07

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	<b>LOW HIGH AVG</b>				<b>LOW HIGH AVG</b>		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	1.00	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	1.50	2.10	1.99	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	5.25	5.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	10						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY**

Cents per pound for the week ending February 16, 2007

	<b>Whole</b>	<b>Legs</b>	<b>Necks, Backs</b>	<b>Livers</b>
	<b>Chickens</b>	<b>Breasts</b>	<b>W/Thighs</b>	<b>&amp; Wings Gizzards Hens</b>
<b>RAYON</b>				
Low	68.24	148.88	82.71	16.54 8.27 68.24
High	73.20	153.01	90.98	20.68 12.41 68.24
Mostly	73.20	153.01	86.85	16.54 12.41 68.24
<b>SAN JUAN</b>				
Low	67.00	148.88	16.54	4.14 4.14 66.17
High	73.61	157.15	20.68	8.27 8.27 66.17
Mostly	72.37	153.01	16.54	8.27 8.27 66.17
<b>NEW SAN JUAN</b>				
Low	67.82	153.01	86.85	16.54 8.27 70.30
High	74.44	157.15	90.98	20.68 12.41 70.30
Mostly	72.78	153.01	86.85	16.54 8.27 70.30
<b>BECERRA</b>				
Low	68.24	153.01	90.98	20.68 8.27 70.30
High	75.27	157.15	95.12	24.81 12.41 70.30
Mostly	73.20	157.15	90.98	20.68 12.41 70.30

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged light to moderate for midweek business. Offerings were in good balance to at times tight. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 77 to 87 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, wings continued to build and were reported as at least sufficient. Other items were adequate and clearing well.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	<b>BRANDED</b>
	<b>U.S. GRADE A</b>
RANGE	76-88
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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